

and all the nice Bystanding ladies & gentlemen, so like
the poor cat in the adage "who talk so much of the time ^{when}
coming & the daylight, & the comfort heart &c. &c.

Emerson's address on the ^{negroes in the} anniversary of the Emancipation of the West

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THE ELEVENTH Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Fair.

This annual effort for the sustentation of the anti-slavery cause will be made in Amory Hall, Boston, commencing on Tuesday, Dec. 24th, 1844. By its means it is, that the debts of the cause, last year, were discharged; so that it is, at this moment, free to put forth its unencumbered strength, in the prosecution of **THE HUNDRED CONVENTIONS**, through the medium of which, this appeal reaches you. If you wish slavery to cease, you cannot more effectually aid in its extinction, than by upholding this Fair. The experience of ten years enables the women of Massachusetts to present it to you as an effectual channel, through which your sympathy may unite with that of others, to swell the flood of effort by which high principle shall be diffused and right feeling excited, till the horrible institution of slavery shall be swept away.

None of the funds raised by means of this Fair are ever permitted to run to waste in building up a political party, or in defraying electioneering expenses. They are used to promulgate through the press, and by the living voice, the truths of freedom, which convert men's hearts to the cause. We give a guaranty for the economical and judicious disposal of them, by providing for their expenditure by the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society. Without going back for years, to recapitulate former help, the beneficial consequences of which are in perpetual flow, we will simply state that the nett proceeds of this last year's Fair were **TWENTY-ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS**, exclusive of many small appropriations and the necessary expenses; and that, lacking the prospect of this aid, neither the hundred Western Convention, nor the hundred Conventions now in progress through Massachusetts, would have been undertaken. The influence of the cause might be increased ten-fold, by means of that aid from the Commonwealth generally, which it is disposed, if the way were open, to afford. A few words of suggestion may open this way. Permit us to make them for the cause's sake.

FIRST. We entreat whomsoever this sheet reaches instantly to announce an intention of aiding the **ELEVENTH MASSACHUSETTS ANTI-SLAVERY FAIR**, and to form, if possible, a little circle for weekly anti-slavery effort through the year. Gain all the aid possible, but *wait for no one else*. Whoever begins will be the nucleus round which much help will gather at length.

SECOND. To remember that there is nothing useful or ornamental—no mechanical, agricultural, or manufacturing product—nothing either to eat, drink or wear—no work of taste or art, for household use or decoration—but will (so perfect have our arrangements at length become) be made as available to the cause as its worth in money.

THIRD. To correspond with us for the purpose of benefiting us by your suggestions, and receiving the aid of ours. For it may often be in the power of all the friends of the cause, mutually to aid each other by the interchange of materials and labor, and by furnishing the newest patterns of articles of dress, or models of articles of furniture.

There surely needs no searching argument or eloquent appeal to commend the cause of freedom and humanity to professed Republicans and Christians. All see and feel that it is a good and a noble thing to spring to the relief and rescue of one human being undergoing wrong, or peril, or suffering. But here are well-nigh **THREE MILLIONS**, undergoing all the suffering, wrong, and peril of **SLAVERY**, that incarnation of all that is dreadful to the sons and daughters of Massachusetts, while all that universal man holds dear and holy is endangered by the existence of such a blighting institution. Righteous principle dies out—good feeling is extinguished—our country is endangered—our character as a people dishonored: and will not you, who admire a single act of devotedness, though done but for a single human being, be true to your own moral nature, and gladly give time, labor, money, prayer, sacrifice, that so you may save a nation—redeem a race—ennoble an age?

Let us hear from you speedily, and consider us your servants for the cause's sake,

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